(b) The Department of Industries, Government of NCT of Delhi had invited application from all the units operating in residential/non-conforming areas for the allotment of industrial plots/flats. 51,851 filled application forms were received.

As per the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the Government of Delhi carried out a survey to find out the availability of land for setting up new industrial estates to rehabilitate the industries which are ordered for closure by the Supreme Court. The Hon'ble Court gave permission to acquire land covering an area of 1300 acres, which were notified for acquisition. Possession of 1065 acres of land was taken for developing new industrial estates. Another 800 acres of land was acquired and possession taken bringing the total availability of land to about 1865 acres. The Scheme implementing agency of the Government of Delhi, i.e. the Delhi State Industrial Development Corporation has allotted specific plot numbers to about 14,700 applicants in Jhilmil, Badli, Patparganj and Narela Industrial Areas. In addition, 378 flatted factories were constructed at Jhilmil Industrial Areas and possession of 178 flats have been given to eligible applicants.

Rehabilitation of the units is expected to take care of the job requirements of the affected workers.

National Disaster Management Committee of Experts

*38. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a Permanent National Disaster Management Committee of Experts to suggest long term measures to deal with different kinds of calamities as reported in "Hindustan Times" dated 4th February, 2001;

(b) if so, its composition, time-frame and terms of reference and the reasons for not contemplating similar Committee long back;

(c) whether Committee would be equipped with money and other material;

(d) by when, it is likely to submit its report; and

(e) whether State Government would be taken into confidence to deal with their problems and such Committees would be set up at State level also?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) to (e) A National Committee on Disaster Management has been set up by the Government of India on 13th February, 2001 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister having representatives of the National and State Level Political Partics. The Terms of Reference of the National Committee are to suggest:

(i) Short-term, medium term and long term steps for relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction in the earthquake affected areas of Gujarat,

(ii) Deliberate on the necessary institutional and legislative measures needed for an effective and long-term strategy to deal with major natural calamities in the future,

(iii) Look into the parameters that should define a National Calamity.

The composition of the Committee is given in the Statement (*See* below). No time frame has been laid down for the Committee. The Chief Minister, Gujarat is one of the members of the Committee. At present there is no proposal to equip the Committee with money and material. The first meeting of the National Committee was held on 18th February, 2001.

Statement

Composition of the National Disaster Management Committee of Experts

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Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Prime Minister	Chairman
Shri Sharad Pawar, Member of Parliament	Vice-Chairman

Ministers

1. Shri L.K. Advani	Minister of Home Affairs
2. Shri George Fernandes	Minister of Defence
3. Shri Yashwant Sinha	Minister of Finance
4. Shri K.C. Pant	Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission
5. Shri Nitish Kumar	Minister of Agriculture
6. Shri Kashiram Rana	Minister of Textiles
7. Shri Jagmohan	Minister of Urban Development
8. Shri Pramod Mahajan	Minister of Parliamentary Affairs—*Convenor*
9. Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam	Principal Scientific Advisor

Gujarat

Shri Keshubhai Patel, Chief Minister, Gujarat

Representatives of the National Parties

1. Smt. Sonia Gandhi, President, Indian National Congress
2. Shri Bangaru Laxman, President, Bharatiya Janata Party
3. Shri Kanshi Ram, President, Bahujan Samaj Party
4. Shri Harkishan Singh Surjit. General Secretary, Communist Party of India (Marxist)
5. Shri A.B. Bardhan, General Secretary, Communist Party of India

Representatives of State Parties

1. Ms. J. Jayalalitha, General Secretary, All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam
2. Ms. Mamta Banerjee, Chairperson, All India Trinamool Congress
3. Shri Prafulla Kumar Mahanta, President, Asom Gana Parishad
4. Shri Naveen Patnaik, President, Biju Janata Dal

5. Shri M. Karunanidhi, President, Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam

6. Shri Om Prakash Chautala, Acting President, Indian National Lok Dal

7. Dr. Farooq Abdullah, President, Jammu & Kashmir National Conference

8. Shri Sharad Yadav, President, Janata Dal (United)

9. Shri Vaiko, President, Marumalarchi Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam

10. Shri Zoramthanga, President, Mizo National Front

11. Shri Syed Mohammedali Shihab Thangal, President, Muslim League Kerala State Committee

12. Shri G.K. Mani, President, Pattali Makkal Katchi

13. Shri Laloo Prasad Yadav, President, Rashtriya Janata Dal

14. Shri Mulayam Singh Yadav, President, Samajwadi Party

15. Smt. Jaya Jaitly, President, Samata Party

16. Shri Prakash Singh Badal, President, Shiromani Akali Dal (Badal)

17. Shri Balasaheb Thakeray, President, Shiv Sena

18. Shri Pawan Chamling, President, Sikkim Democratic Front

19. Shri G.K. Moopanar, President, Tamil Maanila Congress (Moopanar)

20. Shri N. Chandrababu Naidu, President, Telugu Desam

The Cabinet Secretary will be the Member-Secretary of the National Committee.